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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1966

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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To: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and
Councillors of the Whitley Bay Borough Council.

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the public health and sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1966.

The general state of health in the Borough was satisfactory and the incidence of infectious disease was low, the only exception was measles, a mild epidemic of which has caused 300 cases to be notified during the year. There were no cases of poliomyelitis, diphtheria, smallpox or typhoid fever notified. The immunisation campaign against poliomyelitis , diphtheria and whooping cough continues at the infant welfare centres and remains an important measure in controlling these diseases. To date about 15,000 persons in the town have had a primary course of immunisation against poliomyelitis and for the last few years not a single case of poliomyelitis has been reported.

The maternal mortality was again nil, this being the ninth successive year in which no death occurred in association with childbirth.

The general death rate was about the National Average but it is interesting that out of the 615 deaths almost 80% occurred in persons over the age of 65 years. The main cause of death was coronary thrombosis, which accounted for 145 deaths and the second commonest cause was once again lung cancer. I am sorry to report that cancer of the lung again increased, and during the year 36 persons died of this disease. It is significant that 29 of these deaths were males and only 7 females. I would repeat my warning that this disease is associated with cigarette smoking and this probably accounts for the difference in the death rate between the sexes. It is the duty of parents to see that their children are aware of the dangers in cigarette smoking. Five of the persons who died of cancer of the lung were under the age of 55 and 17 under the age of 65.

Deaths from motor accidents also increased to 11 from 5 in the preceeding year. Police statistics show that the majority of motor accidents occur on Saturday nights between the hours of 10 p.m. and midnight. This would seem to lend strength to the "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign.

Steps to increase smoke control in the town continued during the year but were delayed to some extent as it was necessary to hold a Public Inquiry to consider objections to No.2 Smoke Control Area. At this Inquiry it was made public that although the atmospheric pollution in Whitley Bay is low in the summer months, it rises to a high level in the winter and in the months of December and January is often as high as in many industrial towns. As there is a high proportion of elderly people in the Borough, these persons are very susceptible to respiratory diseases and to the adverse effects of atmospheric pollution. I am pleased, therefore, that the Health Committee and the Council have decided to go ahead with their plans to extend Smoke Control Orders throughout the town, as this is a worthwhile public health measure.

Inspection of meat at the slaughterhouse continues to occupy a large proportion of the time of the public health inspectors and increases each year, during the last year 70,000 animals were dealt with and of these 9,000 had some part condemned as unfit for human consumption. I am grateful that the Chief Public Health Inspector and the Senior Assistant Public Health Inspector managed to keep up the high standard of inspection in spite of staff shortage. This is important work which directly protects the health of the public.

In conclusion I would express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued interest and support in all measures to improve public health.

I remain, Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR WILLIAM HAY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION "A"

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH

The Borough comprises an area of 3,612 acres, including the foreshore which is 510 acres. It continues in popularity as a holiday resort and has excellent rail and bus connections to and from all parts of the country. It has a wide variety of interests and entertainments with the picturesque St. Mary's Island and Lighthouse at the north end of the bay. Fine golden sands stretch for nearly two miles.

The Borough is divided electorally into eight wards which are represented by twenty-four councillors and eight aldermen. The rateable value now stand at £1,480,000, the product of the penny rate being £6,000. The population at mid-year 1966 was 38,340 an increase of 30. There are 12,960 houses in the area, of which 1,644 are owned by the Borough Council.

VITAL STATISTICS

Following are the vital statistics in accordance with Ministry requirements and in the order requested.

Live births	
Number	584
Rate per 1,000 population	12.39
Illegitimate live births (per cent of total live births)	5.30
Stillbirths	
Number	6
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	10.17
Total live and still births	590
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	6
Infant Mortality Rates	
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	20.54
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	20.54
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	8.56
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	8.56
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	18.64
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil

Births

The number of live births for the year was 584 giving a birth rate of 12.39 per 1,000 population. 304 of these were males and 280 females. The Registrar General's comparability factor is 1.06 which alters the birth rate for the area to 13.13 per 1,000. There were 13 male and 17 female illegitimate births, representing 5.30 per cent of the total births, and the number of still births was 6 representing 1.02 per cent of the total births. 2 of these were males and 4 females.

Deaths

615 deaths were recorded by the Registrar General, consisting of 285 males and 330 females. The crude death rate for the area was 16.04 per 1,000 of the population, but adjustment by the Registrar General's comparability figures of .79 reduces this figure to 12.67.

The causes of all deaths are shown in the table on the following page.

Longevity

Of the 615 deaths in the area, 478 of them occurred at the age of 65 years or over. This represents 77.72 per cent. Details are given in the following table.

Ages at Death	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	4	2	6
1 to 4 years	3	-	3
5 to 14 years	-	-	-
15 to 24 years	4	-	4
25 to 34 years	3	-	3
35 to 44 years	4	1	5
45 to 54 years	16	18	34
55 to 64 years	54	28	82
65 to 74 years	94	73	167
75 years and over	103	208	311
TOTAL	285	330	615

CAUSES OF DEATH	M.	F.
All Causes	285	330
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	1	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	1	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	11
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	29	7
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	10
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	34	23
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	3
16. Diabetes	-	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	27	70
18. Coronary disease, angina	74	71
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3	10
20. Other heart disease	20	43
21. Other circulatory diseases	8	17
22. Influenza	-	1
23. Pneumonia	18	24
24. Bronchitis	21	3
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	3
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	8	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	15	15
33. Motor vehicle accidents	7	4
34. All other accidents	5	4
35. Suicide	-	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
TOTAL	615	

SECTION "B"

HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Infectious Diseases

The Newcastle Regional Hospital Board administers the clinics, hospitals and sanatoria dealing with treatment necessary for Tuberculosis cases under the National Health Service Act, 1946. Other infectious diseases which require hospitalisation are treated at Moor Park Hospital, North Shields and Walkergate Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne.

2. Medical and Surgical Cases

These are mostly treated in hospitals and infirmaries under the jurisdiction of the Newcastle Group Hospital Board and the South East Northumberland Hospital Management Committee.

3. Child and Maternity Welfare

These services and the clinics connected with them are administered by the Northumberland County Council.

4. Home Nursing

This service is also controlled by the County Council.

5. Ambulance Service

This is a radio controlled service administered by the County Council. The Ambulance Depot is at Hillheads and gives a 24 hour daily service.

6. First Aid

A fully equipped station, manned by qualified personnel, is operated by the Borough on the Central Lower Promenade and it is of great service to visitors and residents during the busy season. The personnel consists of one full time nurse and volunteer members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. 352 cases were dealt with during the season, including 50 cases of injury caused by broken glass. 34 of these cases were sent to hospital for treatment.

7. Lost Children

This station is provided by the Borough and is also situated on the Lower Promenade. A full time attendant cares for the children when brought in, until recovered by the parents. The number of children passing through during the season was 131.

8. Public Health Laboratories

These laboratories are attached to the Newcastle General Hospital and are of great service to this Department and also the medical practitioners in the area.

RAINFALL

During the year 26.85 inches fell in the area. Comparisons with the previous years are shown in the table below.

	INCHES				
	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
January	.85	1.71	.37	1.97	1.46
February	.34	2.30	.65	.41	1.62
March	.77	1.285	2.98	1.805	.26
April	1.62	1.59	1.65	1.72	3.07
May	2.47	1.20	.76	2.18	1.61
June	.74	2.93	2.76	1.16	2.85
July	2.35	1.06	.96	2.56	2.31
August	1.66	7.61	2.40	2.52	5.02
September	3.19	.94	1.27	4.49	1.21
October	.39	1.31	.27	1.11	3.72
November	2.03	4.28	.74	5.95	1.99
December	2.49	1.02	1.50	2.32	1.73
TOTALS	18.90	27.235	16.31	28.195	26.85

SECTION "C"

1. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(i) The water supply during the year proved of good quality and was plentiful. The water is supplied by Tynemouth Corporation.

(ii) 24 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination and 24 were satisfactory.

(iii) 1 water sample for chemical analysis was taken, the result of which was satisfactory.

(iv) There are no houses in the Borough of Whitley Bay which are not provided with an internal water supply.

(v) Sewerage and drainage - three farms have septic tanks in use. With these exceptions the area is fully served with water carriage system.

2. RIVER POLLUTION

River pollution in the area is the concern of the Northumberland and Tyneside River Board and we are grateful to them for their efforts.

3. SANITARY SERVICES

See Public Health Inspector's Report

4. SHOPS AND OFFICES

See Public Health Inspector's Report

5. CAMPING SITES

See Public Health Inspector's Report

6. SPOILBANKS

These are situated outside the area and are under the administration of the Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Effluvia through burning has been negligible throughout the year and no complaint has been necessary.

7. BATHING POOLS

Table Rocks Pool

The Table Rocks Pool is a natural amenity being filled by the sea at high tide. The bottom is cleansed periodically.

Paddling Pool

The Paddling Pool on the Southern Promenade is very popular with children. It is kept clean and the water is constantly chlorinated.

8. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Full details are given in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

9. SCHOOLS

These are administered by the Northumberland County Council.

SECTION "D"

HOUSING

This is fully dealt with in the Report of the Public Health Inspector, on page 25.

SECTION "E"

MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS

Further details of Meat and Food Inspection will be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report. The following table gives the numbers of animals passing through the Private Abattoir at Hillheads.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or part.

	Cattle Exclud -ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	7469	480	95	46528	15737	-
Number not inspected	-	-	-	-	-	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	9	6	3	56	18	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2930	174	1	2938	3346	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	35.8	36.3	1.05	6.31	21.4	-
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	-	-	-	152	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	.094	-	-	-	.97	-
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	26	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION "F"

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

347 cases of notifiable diseases occurred during the year, 1 of these required hospital treatment. Details of cases notified, hospital cases, monthly incidence, age groups, incidence per 1,000 population, and deaths are all given in the following tables.

	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital
Dysentery	1	-
Erysipelas	1	-
Scarlet Fever	11	-
Whooping Cough	12	-
Measles	299	2
Tuberculosis	16	1
Pneumonia	6	-
Salmonella	-	-
Para Typhoid	1	1
TOTALS	347	4

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1966

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	1	11
Tuberculosis	1	-	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	16
Measles	1	8	18	113	67	58	13	9	-	-	3	9	299
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	-	4	2	12
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	6
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Para Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTALS	2	12	19	119	69	64	16	15	5	1	11	14	347

ANALYSIS OF CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS

	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65 and Over
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	3	6	2	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	3	173	120	3	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1	3	3	4	5	-
Pneumonia	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Para Typhoid	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	181	133	6	4	4	6	6	3

INCIDENCE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

Whooping Cough	.312	Tuberculosis	.417
Measles	7.8	Pneumonia	.156
Erysipelas	.026	Dysentery	.026
Scarlet Fever	.287	Para Typhoid	.026

Smallpox

No cases during 1966

Anthrax

No cases during 1966

Typhoid

No cases during 1966

Para-Typhoid

One case confirmed

Typhus Fever

No cases during 1966

Malaria

No cases during 1966

Meningococcal Infection

No cases during 1966

Poliomyelitis

No cases during 1966

Puerperal Pyrexia

No cases during 1966

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No cases during 1966

Diphtheria

As in previous years there were no cases. Immunisation against this disease continues in the schools and clinics, the triple vaccine in use safeguarding children at the same time against whooping cough and tetanus.

IMMUNISATIONS AND VACCINATIONS

WHOOPING COUGH

Return for year ended 31st December, 1966

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED A PRIMARY COURSE (NORMALLY 3 INJECTIONS) OF PERTUSSIS VACCINE (Singly or in combination) IN THE WHITLEY BAY AREA DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1966

CHILDREN BORN IN YEARS																													
Triple Antigen							Diphtheria & Pertussis							Pertussis Only							Total								
1966	1965	1964	1963	1959-62	Others	Total	1966	1965	1964	1963	1959-62	Others	Total	1966	1965	1964	1963	1959-62	Others	Total	1966	1965	1964	1963	1959-62	Others	Total
235	194	33	11	5	3	461	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	194	33	11	5	3	481

VACCINATION

Number Vaccinated during Period									Number Re-vaccinated during Period								
Age at Date of Vaccination																	
0-3 Mths.	3-6 Mths.	6-9 Mths.	9-12 Mths.	1 Year	2-4 Yrs.	5-16 Yrs.	16 Yrs. or over	TOTAL	0-3 Mths.	3-6 Mths.	6-9 Mths.	9-12 Mths.	1 Year	2-4 Yrs.	5-14 Yrs.	16 Yrs. or over	TOTAL
3	14	14	13	84	163	91	263	645	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	112	122

Poliomyelitis Vaccinations year ended 31.12.1966

Total Number of people who have completed primary immunisation 14,997

Total number of people who received their fourth dose 5,773

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 16 new cases during the year. Mass radiography is carried out by mobile units and public response is fairly good. At the end of the year there were still 181 cases on our register consisting of 104 males and 77 females. 158 of these were pulmonary and 23 non-pulmonary.

The age groups of the 16 new cases are as follows:-

Years	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	1	-	-	-
10 - 19	2	-	-	-
20 - 24	2	1	-	-
25 - 34	-	1	1	-
35 - 44	-	3	-	-
45 - 54	3	1	-	-
55 - 64	1	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	6	1	-

CANCER

There were 120 deaths recorded - an incidence of 3.12 per 1,000 of the population.

The deaths in age groups are given in the following table with the various organs affected.

	Age in Years						TOTAL
	1-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	Over 75	
Stomach	-	-	2	3	6	4	15
Lungs and Bronchus	-	1	4	12	13	6	36
Breast	-	1	1	3	4	1	10
Cervix Uteri	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
Other Forms	1	1	5	13	17	20	57

Disinfection of Premises

Houses are disinfected where necessary, and also Library books. Schools are treated on the request of headmasters where infectious disease has occurred amongst the scholars.

Disinfestation

The number of disinfestation treatments applied was 113 and the various insects dealt with are detailed as follows:-

Insect	No. of treatments
Cockroaches	68
Fleas	23
Bees	5
Earwigs	-
Clover Mite	-
Wasps	8

SECTION "G"

The Factories Act, 1961

The sections of the above Acts, which are the concern of the Department, are carried out regularly and all relevant details are shown in the tables on pages 51 and 52. A list is given also of all mechanical and non-mechanical factories in the Borough.

Factories	Mechanical	Non-Mechanical
Sculptor	1	-
Carpet Fitter	-	1
Plumbers	2	1
Electricians	4	-
Dental Mechanics	1	-
Engineering	3	-
Glass Cutters	1	1
Photographers	-	2
Paper and Rag Baling	-	1
Tripe Boiler	1	-
Sugar Boilers	1	-
Laundries	5	-
Slaughtering	1	-
Printers	4	-
Upholsterers	1	-
Drug Packer	1	-
Bakehouses	8	-
Boot Repairers	3	-
Joiners and Builders	14	2
Tailors, Dressmakers and Milliners	14	2
Motor Repairs	20	-
Ice Cream Manufacturers	3	-
Picture Framer	1	-
Milk Pasteurising	1	-
Spectacle Maker	1	-
Tinsmith	1	-
Wholesale Shirt Maker	1	-
TOTAL	93	10

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

Removal of Persons in Need of Care and Attention

It was found necessary on one occasion to invoke proceedings and a Magistrates Order was issued. The lady involved settled down in the Thomas Taylor Homes.

Burial of the Dead

Under the provisions of Section 50 arrangements were made on one occasion for the burial of a deceased person.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee
of the Borough of Whitley Bay.

I have pleasure in submitting my eleventh Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Inspectors' Department.

Staff shortage was the most serious problem to be met by the Department during 1966. The resignation of two Public Health Inspectors, representing 50 per cent of the inspectoral staff, during the closing weeks of 1965 placed a considerable burden on your Chief and your Senior Additional Inspector who, for six months was required to devote the whole of his services to ensuring a 100 per cent inspection of animals slaughtered at Hillheads Abattoir. This situation was very disappointing to me as 1965 had been the first year when a full complement of Inspectors had enabled hitherto neglected aspects of environmental health to be tackled only to deflate suddenly at the close of that year. The activities of the Department recorded in this Report must be studied in relationship to the crisis in staffing.

The Council's intentions to introduce a second smoke control area during the year were suspended until the results of a public inquiry into the proposal was published. This decision of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government confirmed the area without modification and a challenge now faces the Department to try and recoup the delay of one year by introducing two smoke control areas in 1967.

My outlook to 1967 is one of hopefulness that with staff improvement we will make a realistic impact on the volume of public health work facing us, and relief that we have survived the strain and frustrations of 1966.

I am appreciative of the close liaison we have enjoyed with other Council Departments and I am thankful for the interest and support received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee. The loyalty and conscientiousness of the staff of the Public Health Department is an important factor also deserving my thanks and appreciation.

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. W. Valentine,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

Clearance Areas and Individual Houses
Period 1st January 1966 to 31st December 1966

Part A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED			
	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
In clearance areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation.	4	22	9
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Not in clearance areas			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Unfit houses included in unfitness orders.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Part B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
(8) Under Sections 16(4), 17 (1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(9) Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

Part C — UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by Local Authority	36	Nil
(12) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957	1	Nil
(13) Under section 24, Housing Act 1957.	Nil	Nil

Part D. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957)

	No. of Houses (1)	No. of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year		
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48	Nil	Nil
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	Nil	Nil
(c) Under Section 46	Nil	Nil
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 and 53	Nil	Nil

PART E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

	No. of Houses (1)	No. of occupants of houses in column(1) (2)
(16) Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory orders, purchased in the year	Nil	Nil

Houses completed during the year

(a) by Local Authority	56
(b) by other Bodies or Persons	64

Rent Act - 1957

First Schedule

Part 1 - Application for Certificate of Disrepair

(1) Number of applications for certificates	Nil
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	Nil
(b) in respect of all defects	Nil
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
(6) Number of certificates issued	Nil

Part II - Application for Cancellation of Certificates

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	Nil
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	Nil
(9) Decisions of Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenant's objection	Nil
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	Nil

Moveable Dwellings
(Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960)

No new applications for site licences were received during the year. Work of expansion and improvement was continued at the one licenced site in the Borough which is operated by Whitley Bay Holiday Centre Limited. A certificate issued by the Council in March, 1966, fixed the maximum number of caravans to be used for human habitation at 210 having regard to facilities available on the site at that time. Implementation of certain planning conditions did not proceed as had been hoped and to try and assist with the merging of planning requirements and site expansion an Action Committee was formed. At the close of the year it was apparent that this attempt to attain progressive co-operation had failed completely and if planning requirements relating to site layout are ever going to be achieved a firm policy of enforcement is essential.

The site operated at Old Hartley by the British Caravan Club continued in a satisfactory manner although the facilities at the site are not up to the standard of the Model Site Conditions. This Club, being an exempted organization, operates without normal licence requirements as provided for in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act.

GENERAL SANITATION

The number of complaints and inquiries recorded in the Complaints Book was 803, concerning all manner of environmental health matters.

Drainage

The number of obstructed drains cleared by the Department was 253. This work is a valuable and prompt service provided by the Department, considering not only the health hazards of obstructed house drains but also the anxiety to the occupants.

Inspection and testing of drainage systems involved the application of 11 water tests and 3 smoke tests.

Sanitary Conveniences

All sanitary conveniences in the area are connected to a water carriage system.

Piggeries

No complaints were received regarding nuisance from piggeries and this situation is particularly interesting in the situation at the large establishment at Murton Village, where several bungalows were build in 1963 within 30 feet of the piggery.

It would appear that the occupants of these houses have either 'given up' their efforts to rectify the situation or have become climatized to the inherent attributes of a piggery.

Offensive Trades (Public Health Act, 1936, Section 107)

The business of tripe boiling and fat extraction at the Hillheads Slaughterhouse was the only "offensive trade" carried on within the Borough, and at the end of the year this particular business closed down. As a result no offensive trade remains in operation in Whitley Bay.

Places of Public Intertainment

Cinemas	Theatre	Dance Halls	Others
Coliseum	Priory	Empress Ballroom	Whitley Bay Athletic Football Club
Essoldo		Rotunda Ballroom	Whitley Bay Ice Rink and Bowling
		Rex Ballroom	Regal (Bingo)

Inspection of these premises was carried out and only minor matters required attention by the proprietors.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

After a promising start in 1965 to the implementation of the many Regulations and Orders made under this Act, the year 1966 was a disappointment.

Visits to Registered Premises -

During the first six months of the year the Department operated with two Public Health Inspectors instead of four and the number of visits to premises fell from 307 to 118. The details of contraventions dealt with consequently show a reduction from 166 to 48. No prosecutions were necessary.

Totals of Registered Premises -

The reduction of 27 is attributable to many persons submitting information on O.S.R 1 forms when, in fact, they were not obliged to do so, being family businesses etc.

Reported Accidents

The table on page 32 provides the details of the accidents investigated during 1966. In particular, information was obtained in the Department regarding an accident to a person employed in servicing the operating machinery in a Ten Pin Bowling Alley. Such establishments are outside the scope of the Act, nor are employees protected by the provisions of the Factories Acts. The fact that persons can be employed in work incorporating obvious dangers, without legal protection, appears to me as an omission of existing protective legislation. A detailed report was submitted to the Deputy Superintending Inspector of Factories.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

egistration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices	Nil	108	47
Retail Shops	2	355	57
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Nil	8	Nil
Catering Establishments, open to the public, canteens	Nil	23	6
Fuel storage depots	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	2	494	110

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act - 118

Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Number of Contraventions found		Section	Number of Contraventions found	
4	Cleanliness	4	13	Sitting facilities	Nil
5	Overcrowding	Nil	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	Nil
6	Temperature	8	15	Eating Facilities	2
7	Ventilation	Nil	16	Floor, passage & stairs	12
8	Lighting	9	17	Fencing exposed parts machinery	1
9	Sanitary Conveniences	8	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	Nil
10	Washing facilities	3	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	1
11	Supply of Drinking Water	Nil	23	Prohibition of heavy work	Nil
12	Clothing Accommodation	Nil	24	First Aid General Provisions	Nil
				TOTAL	48

Exemptions: Applications received - Nil
Exemptions granted - Nil

Prosecutions - Nil

Reported Accidents

Workplace	Number Reported		Total Number Investigated	Action Recommended			
	Fatal	Non-Fatal		Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	No Action
Offices	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Retail Shops	-	8	5	-	1	4	4
Wholesale Warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	-	5	3	-	1	-	3
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	Nil	14	8	Nil	2	4	8

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Only one certificate is current in the Borough and no applications were received during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Only one premise is licensed in the Borough under the provisions of this Act, this is the Whitley Bay Cat and Dog Shelter at Hillheads Road, where a licence for 48 dogs and 62 cats was issued.

Proposals for installing drainage from the premises has not yet been realised but this improvement is still under consideration.

Riding Establishment Act, 1964

One application was received and after negotiations with the applicant for certain improvements a licence was issued for the keeping of a Riding Establishment at Murton East Farm, Murton Village. Among other matters, the controls of this Act ensures that such establishments are operated from satisfactory premises and that horses involved are well cared for and suitable for the purpose of providing instruction in horse riding.

The introduction of this particular establishment is an added amenity in the town and I have every reason to believe that the school will be operated in a very satisfactory manner.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

The number of licensed premises for the sale of pets is 6. Routine inspections were carried out having regard to the various licensing conditions prescribed in the interest and welfare of the animals involved.

Pest Control

Details below again indicates that apart from rodents the main pest in dwellings was the cockroach. The presence of this particular insect in older type properties is difficult to eradicate completely, although modern insecticides have proved completely effective in many cases.

Sectional sewer treatments were again applied and this method has proved to be economical while maintaining satisfactory control when compared to wide scale baiting. Details of the incidence of rats and mice in the Borough are contained in the following table.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	14,828	25
2. a Total number of properties (Including nearby premises) inspected following notification	191	1
b Number infested by (i) Rats	128	1
(ii) Mice	43	Nil
3. a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	Nil	Nil
b Number infested by (i) Rats	Nil	Nil
(ii) Mice	Nil	Nil

Noise Abatement

The number of complaints investigated concerning nuisance from noise totalled 6. Informal approach obtained co-operation in 3 cases when nuisance was abated. Contraventions of the Noise Abatement Act was not found to occur in 2 instances and 1 situation was still proceeding at the end of the year.

Clean Air Act, 1956

Industrial

Dark Smoke - number of contraventions recorded ..	Nil
Furnaces (section 3) - notifications received ..	1
- applications for prior approval	Nil
Grit and Dust Emissions - number of contraventions	Nil

Domestic

Number of Smoke Control Areas

1.	(a) In operation at 31st December, 1966	One (No.1 Area)
	(b) Number of dwellings	784
	(c) Acreage covered	110
2.	(a) Confirmed by Minister but not operative at 31st December, 1966	One (No.2 Area)
	(b) Number of dwellings	787
	(c) Acreage covered	595
3.	(a) Awaiting confirmation by Minister at 31st December, 1966	One (No.3 Area)
	(b) Number of dwellings	761
	(c) Acreage covered	61

PUBLIC INQUIRY

As a result of a single objection by a resident in Smoke Control Area No.2 a public inquiry was held on 27th September, 1966, into the Council's proposals for this area. The result of the inquiry was confirmation of Smoke Control Order No.2 without modification, apart from the date of operation, which originally was 1st November, 1966, and became 1st September, 1967.

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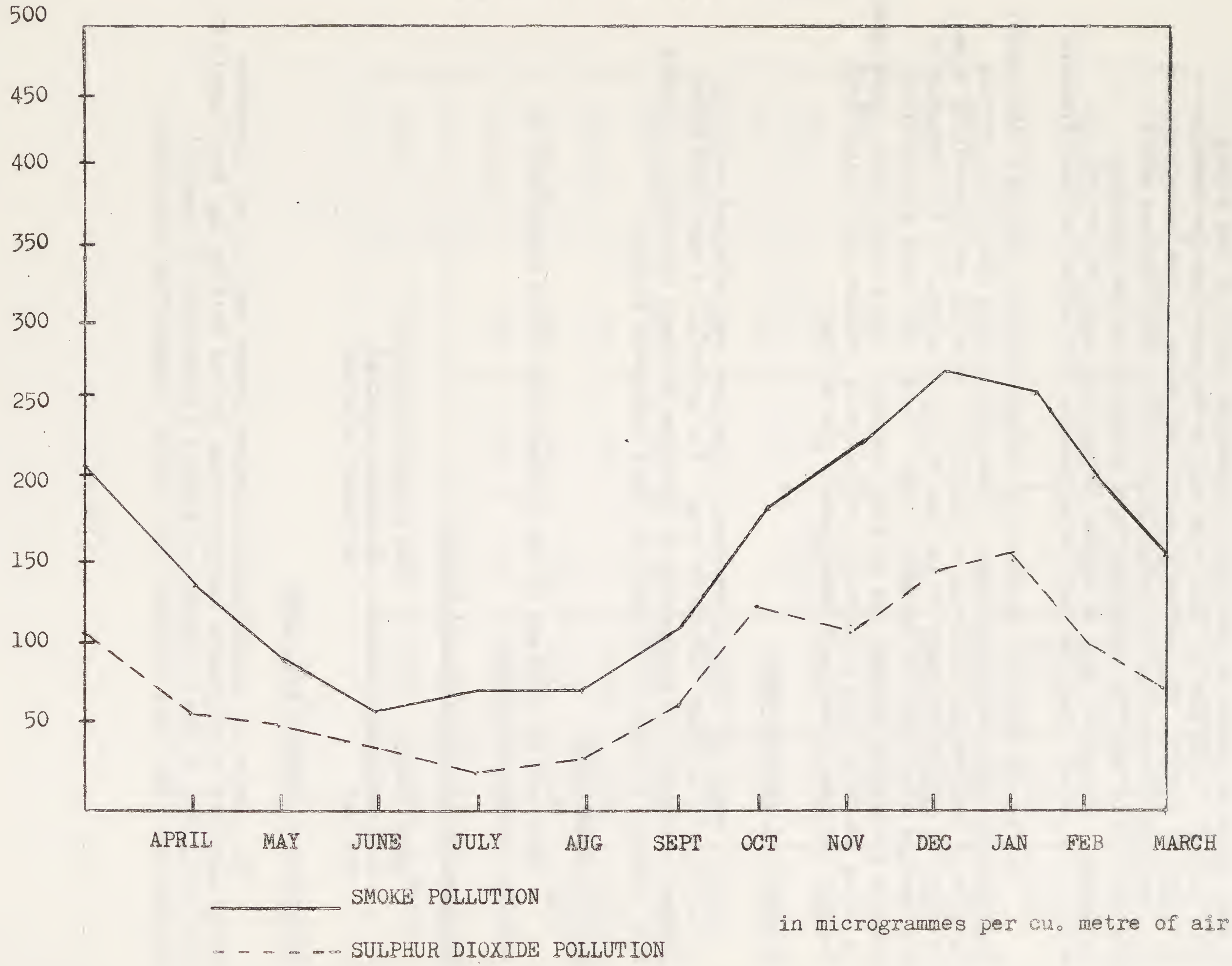

FOOD INSPECTION

Meat Inspection

For the first six months of 1966, ensuring complete post mortem inspection of all animals slaughtered at Hillheads Slaughterhouse placed quite a burden on the total inspectoral staff of two during this period. A measure of this work can be derived from the details on pages 37 and 38. The severely restricted space at the slaughterhouse for purposes of carrying out examinations add to our problems and I can see little hope for resolving this situation in the existing buildings. The great part of bovine inspections must be carried out within the actual slaughter hall simultaneous with actual carcase dressing.

During the month of October the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations, 1966, were confirmed. These Regulations dealt with certain aspects of hygiene and controls of lairing of animals, an interesting aspect of which is the prohibiting of the use of wiping cloths in the dressing of the carcase after the 1st November, 1968. Until that date wiping cloths must be sterilised between use on each carcase. While this latter requirement is being complied with a process to effectively replace the wiping cloth has not yet been proven and developments are awaited.

Disposal of Unsound Meat

All meat and offal surrendered is weighed and detained awaiting collection in a locked detention room. The material is then dyed green before collection for processing by Tyneside Butchers By-Products Limited, into animal food and fertilisers at their Gateshead Factory.

Sale of Horseflesh

There are no premises in the Borough from which horseflesh is sold for human consumption.

Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders

Swine Fever	No cases occurred
Foot and Mouth Disease	No cases occurred
Anthrax	No cases occurred

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

The number of slaughtermans licences issued was 12, all licencees being employed at Hillheads Slaughterhouse by the Whitley Bay Meat Supply Co. The provisions of the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations 1958, were complied with during slaughtering operations.

Animals Inspected

Month	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
January	893	42	12	5805	1756	8508
February	572	51	5	3275	1313	5216
March	552	36	5	2329	1311	4233
April	686	45	28	2522	1694	4975
May	529	31	5	1923	1096	3584
June	507	28	3	2084	938	3560
July	622	37	3	3639	937	5238
August	499	34	3	3801	1049	5386
September	568	30	10	4493	1093	6194
October	727	43	5	5708	1349	7832
November	620	50	10	4991	1181	6852
December	694	53	6	5958	2020	8731
Totals	7469	480	95	46528	15737	70309

The following table gives details of meat certified as unfit for human consumption and voluntarily surrendered. Reason for condemnation and weights in pounds are indicated.

REASON FOR CONDEMNATION	WEIGHT IN LBS
Abscesses	10309
Actinobacillosis	284
Actinomycosis	167
Angioma	379
Ascariasis	41
Arthritis	1123
Bruising	934
Bone Taint	110
Carcinoma and Sarcoma	18
Cysts	55
Cysticercus bovis	992
Decomposition	35
Flukes and Cirrhosis	30365
Gangrene	411
Johne's Disease	37
Melanosis	4
Nephritis	131
Oedema and Emaciation	2157
Parasitic	4817
Pericarditis	1531
Peritonitis	945
Pleurisy	3926
Pneumonia	14856
Pyaemia	2122
Septicaemia	1925
Traumatism	1033
Toxaemia	619
Tuberculosis	3876
TOTAL	83202

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned

	Tons.	Cwts.	lbs.
1. Meat at slaughterhouses	38	0	97
2. Meat at wholesale premises			44
3. Meat at retail shops			96
4. Cooked meat and meat products			10
5. Canned meats		1	104
6. Fish			4
7. Fruit and vegetables		1	47
8. Other Foods		3	77
	38	9	31

Sale of Food Unfit for Human Consumption or Containing Foreign Matter

Incidents considered by Health Committee:-

Food	Foreign Substance	Action
Meat Pie	Adhesive bandage	Warning letter
Sausage	Piece of metal 5/16" x $\frac{1}{4}$"	Warning letter
Bottled Milk (1 pt.)	A common millipede	Warning letter

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

Registration of Dairies and Distributors

The number of premises registered under the provisions of these Regulations was 54 and 3 visits of inspection were made.

Milk Sampling

This work is undertaken by the Food and Drugs Authority and I am obliged to the Public Health Inspector of the Northumberland County Council for the following information.

A total of 109 samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological examination to the Public Health Laboratory and results are set out in the following Table:-

Total number of samples taken	109
No. of samples submitted to Methylene Blue Test No. satisfactory Percentage satisfactory	85 81 95.2%
No. of samples submitted to Phosphatase Test No. satisfactory Percentage satisfactory	76 76 100%
No. of samples submitted Turbidity Test No. satisfactory Percentage satisfactory	24 24 100%

The Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Section 16)
The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations, 1947-52

The number of new registrations for the sale of ice-cream was 3
The number of registered manufacturers is 7
The number of retail premises selling loose ice-cream is 15
Premises selling pre-wrapped ice-cream number 174

Bacteriological Sampling

Provisional Grading	No. 1	19	No. 111	5	Total	29
	No. 11	5	No. 1V	Nil		

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960
Food Hygiene

Arising from a total of 272 inspections of food premises notices were sent to occupiers of various food businesses in respect of a total of 100 items of contravention. These matters were all dealt with by occupiers and it was not found necessary to institute formal proceedings in any instance.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

List of Public Conveniences in the Borough:-

Black Horse
Brier Dene
Cemetery
Central Promenade
Churchill Playing Fields
Crawford Park
Dukes Walk
Memorial Park (Seaton Sluice)
Miniature Golf
Old Hartley *
Panama
Rockcliffe
St. Mary's Island*
Souter Park North *
Souter Park South *
Southern Promenade *
Trinity Road
Victoria Park
Watts Road
West Park, (Seaton Sluice)
Whitley Park *
Whitley Road

Continueing the Council's policy of installing free hand washing and drying facilities in public conveniences a further 9 units were installed during 1966. The total number of public conveniences now containing free hand washing and drying facilities is 19, plans were made to incorporate these facilities in a further 9 conveniences during 1967.

Conditions at the above toilets marked with an asterisk, received special consideration having regard to their unsatisfactory condition and it was agreed that the question of their reconstruction should be examined in detail early 1967.

Table of use

Conveniences	Persons using water-closets where coin locks are fitted		Persons using "wash and brush up" facilities	
	1965	1966	1965	1966
Watts Road	155,614	164,369	9,647	8,840
Panama	25,955	23,325	851	332
Central	44,384	32,591	1,720	1,093
Duke's Walk	23,751	28,049	994	449
Whitley Road	34,211	36,331	7	-
Others	44,805	40,137	-	-
TOTALS	328,720	324,802	13,219	10,714

APPENDIX i

ANALYSIS OF VISITS

Accumulations	60
Animals	13
Clean Air Act	609
Dairies, Milkshops and Milkstores	3
Drains and Sewers - Inspected	116
Smoke Tests	3
Chemical Tests	-
Water Tests	11
Factories (with mechanical power)	25
(without mechanical power)..	2
(outworkers)	-
Farms	-
Food Hygiene - Butchers	52
- Fish Fryers	4
- Bakehouses	26
- Cafes and Restaurants	83
- Others	66
Hairdressers	6
Houses (repairs)..	154
Houses (overcrowded)	2
Houses (cleanliness)	11
Houses (clearance etc. areas)	4
Houses in multi-occupation..	19
Infectious Diseases	24
Ice Cream Manufacture	14
Licensed Premises	24
Meat and Food Inspections	518
Condemnations	444
Meetings	45
Total carried forward	2338

brought forward	2338
Meeting with Owner or Tradesmen	56
Miscellaneous Visits	83
Moveable Dwellings and Sites	8
Noise Abatement	8
Offensive Trade Premises	55
Office Duties	743
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act (General Inspections) - Offices	21
- Retail Shops	-
- Wholesale and Warehouses ..	-
- Catering Establishments and Canteens	-
- Fuel Storage Depots	-
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act (Visits) - Offices	26
- Retail Shops	62
- Wholesale and Warehouses	-
- Catering Establishments and Canteens ..	9
- Fuel Storage Depots	-
Pet Shops	5
Piggeries	3
Place of Entertainment	10
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act - Rats	112
- Mice	26
Public Health Nuisances	59
Public Conveniences	31
Samples - Ice Cream	25
- Rag Flock Act	-
- Water	11
Shops Act	4
Slaughterhouses	459
Schools	-
Verminous Premises	76
	4230

APPENDIX ii

A summary of defects and nuisances dealt with and work required to be done under the Public Health and Housing Act, Regulations, Orders and Byelaws.

Nature of nuisance dealt with and work required to be done	Verbal or Written Notice	Second Notice	Formal Notice	Complied with
Absence of light	1	-	-	-
Accumulations	12	-	-	11
Choked Drains	6	-	-	6
Choked eavesgutter	1	-	-	-
Damp Walls	34	-	1	25
Defective Pointing	-	-	-	-
Defective Drain	3	-	-	3
Defective downpipe	2	-	-	2
Defective eavesgutters	13	-	-	13
Defective soil pipe	2	-	1	2
Defective brickwork	1	-	-	1
Defective thresh	1	-	-	1
Defective door	2	-	-	2
Defective floor	7	-	-	6
Defective steps and stairs	-	-	-	-
Defective windows and frames	9	-	-	8
Defective sash cords	7	-	1	5
Defective sink waste	9	-	2	8
Defective ceiling	3	-	-	3
Defective wallplaster	3	-	-	1
Defective manhole cover	2	-	-	2
Defective wash basin	-	-	-	-
Burst pipe	2	-	-	2
Defective staircase	3	-	-	3
Defective chimney stack	1	-	-	1
Defective chimney pots	2	-	-	1
carried forward	126	-	5	106

APPENDIX ii continued

Nature of nuisance dealt with and work required to be done	Verbal or Written Notice	Second Notice	Formal Notice	Complied with
brought forward	126	-	5	106
Smoky chimney	-	-	-	-
Defective fireplace	1	-	-	1
Defective kitchen range	1	-	-	1
Defective bath	-	-	-	-
Defective gullies	1	-	-	1
Defective door frames	6	-	-	5
Defective cistern	8	-	1	8
Defective paving	3	-	-	2
Defective W.C. cone	2	-	-	2
Defective hopper head	1	-	-	1
Defective ventilating shaft	1	-	-	1
Factories Act	9	-	-	6
Food Hygiene Regulations	155	-	-	100
Hens	-	-	-	-
Insufficient sanitary accommodation	4	-	-	2
Absence of ashbins	2	-	-	2
Leaking roof	20	-	-	18
Miscellaneous	1	-	-	-
Missing Slates	9	-	2	5
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	57	1	-	42
Noise Abatement	1	-	-	1
Bye Laws	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	408	1	8	304

APPENDIX iii

Inspection under Part I of the Factories Act, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health matters (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

PREMISES (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i) in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	2	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	82	25	8	Nil
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	0	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	94	27	8	Nil

APPENDIX iii continued

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			Referred		
	Found	Remedied	by H.M. Inspector	to.H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness(S1)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature (S3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate Ventilation (S4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Convenience (S7					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Defective or Unsuitable	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not for separate sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act.(not including offences relating to outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil

Two Outworkers are employed in the District